Non-utilization of budgetary allocation

1875. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA. Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary allocation made for the Ministry for the last five' years from 2001-02 to 2005-06;

(b) what is the actual utilization of the budgetary allocation during last four years from 2001-02 to 2004-05;

(c) whether it is a fact that in spite of repeated requests made by States and NGOs to sanction more schemes, no action is taken on one side and the funds remain unutilized on the other; and

(d) what mechanism is sought, to utilize the budgetary allocation in full?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Rural Development to implement its programmes during the last five years (2001-02 to 2005-06) is Rs. 80483.40 crore.

(b) During the years 2001-02 to 2004-05 the Ministry of Rural Development has released.Rs. 6906.68 crore to the State Governments and UT Administrations to implement its programmes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) With a view to implement the schemes properly and for full utilization of funds, the Ministry of Rural Development places special emphasis on monitoring and evaluation of its programmes being implemented through review by Union Ministers with Chief Ministers and other State Ministers concerned with the programmes of the Ministry, Performance Review Committee, Field Visits by the Area Officers, District Level'Monitoring, Periodical Progress Reports, Vigilance and Monitoring Committee and National Level Monitors. The State Governments have also been advised to adhere to multi pronged strategy including awareness about the Rural Development Schemes at grass root level, transparency, accountability and social audit by the Gram Panchayats.